THE TRUEST *RELATION*

OF THE DISCOVERIE

Of a Damnable Plot in

SCOTLAND,

found out by a miraculous meanes.

Two great ACTORS in the ſame being

ſo taken with the ſweet diſpoſition of thoſe Worthies, againſt *whom they Plotted; that their troubled Conſciences would not permit them to proceed in their wicked Intents.*

As alſo, the Names of thoſe Lords, that ſhould have bin cut off in this Plot of *Scotland.* And the Names of the Conſpirators.

VVith the COPY of a LETTER ſent

to the Paipiſts in

LONDON.

Whereby is Diſcovered ſome Plotting about the Tower.

With the Reaſons from the *Parliament* wherefore the Trayned Bands in the City are commanded night and day to march into the fields.

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A LETTER Sent to Mr. PYM, &c.

SIR, things were lately in a very hopefull way of Accommodation. But on Munday night last, there fell out a great interruption, for upon information given to Marquis *Hamilton*, the Earle of *Argile*, and the Earle of *Lanericke*, that there was a designe to seize upon their persons that night, they removed presently from their Lodgings, and stayed in the City all night, and the next morning, the Relation being made to the Parliament there was present order given for the shutting of the Ports, & setting of the Guards of the Towne, which continue so still, and the same day, the Marquisse *Hamilton*, the Earle of *Argile*, and the Earle of *Lanericke*, *departed hence to a house of the Marquesses, about 12. miles off, where they continue still.*

Edenburg Castle Octob. 14. 194

Sir *Wee* are your Friends and Servants

Iohn Hambden, Nath. Fines, N. Armine, Ph. Stapleton.

An Order made by the *Committees* of the House of *Commons*, for the raising of *the Trayne Bands*, and placing of good Guards about the City, *On* Tuesday, *Octobeb* 19. 1641.

IN *regard of the mischievous Designs & Conspiracies now of late discovered in Scotland, against some principall and great persons there, by some who doe professe the Popish Religion, and which is Popishly affected, which the Committee conceives, may have some correspondency here to doe the like mischiefe; They therefore thinke fit, and doe order it, That the Iustices of* Peace *for the Counties of* Middlesex, Surrey, *and the Burrough of Southwarke, doe forthwith place good Guards of men in Armes, in severall places about the City and Southwarke, and other places neere adjoyning, to be relieved, & continued, as they think fit, untill they shall receive further direction from the* Parliament, *which is to meet to morrow.* And in the meane time to observe such further direction therein, as they shall receive from the Earle of *Essex*.

To the Iustices of Peace, *for the County of Surrey, and the Borrough of Southwarke.*

JOHN PYM.

THE REPORT OF

The Discovery of a PLOT in SCOTLAND.

WHy doe you seeke to worke such mischiefe! O yee mischievous Sons of *Rome*, doe ye not know, that God will finde you out, what though you have thousands in readinesse to surprize those Noble Worthies: yet is your policy but as chaffe before the wind.

Though the wretched Papists in Scotland were agreed, in a moment, on a sudden, to call their Forces at unawares to fall upon those Starres, which shine so cleare in our Horizon.

With powder, wild-fire, men, and armes, and had by great futtely got together, and with great Cost, and toyle provided in readinesse, and thought also to have cut off those honourable & worthy Peeres, who were entred into *Covenant with the Lord*,

Such is their bloudy designs, no more, but a word & a blow. Nay, more no more but a word and blood, life, liberty, and utter ruine: but consider, ye fond Jesuits, and treacherous Papists; for it is most certaine, that God who sitteth in the highest Heavens, doth see you, and doth certainly laugh you to scorne, and your selves shall fall into the same Pit, which you have digged for the Righteous.

The day was appointed, wherein the blood-thirſty hoped to ſee the Lambes ſlaine before them, the Honourable *Covenanters of Scotland cut off*, and the beſt of them blaſted in the Ayre, & daſht to peeces; O moſt cruell Satyrs. *But ſuch is the goodneſſe of Almighty God, that the Righteous are preſerved, and the wicked are taken in their owne nets.*

Two of their Agents, whom they thought were as true to them, and faithfull to their unfaithfull Plots, even as their owne hearts; yet were they ſmitten in Conſcience. What (ſaith the one) ſhall I embrue my hands in the blood of thoſe who never thought on ill, ſhall I be confederate with traytors, and Rebels, to ſlay the Innocent. And ſaith the other, what ſhall I plot and bloodily ſeeke to take away the life of ſuch Peeres as theſe, whoſe Noble gifts deſerve ſo much honor, who are admired for their worth, and are become even the very wonder, and *Admiration to all Europe*. Who can but love them; it were great cruelty to wiſh them any harme: what would it then bee, to conſpire in cruelty, to work their utter Deſtruction? How lamentable a ſpectacle would it be, to ſee thoſe Stars which ſhine ſo cleare in our *Parliamentary Aſſembly*, ſo torn and rent to peeces with powder, and trodden under the feet of Rebels! Surely it were a moſt unchriſtian thing to be ſo treacherous againſt thoſe who have adventured both *life, liberty, honour, goods, Eſtates*, & all that they have, for the perpetuall good of our Nation, and ſtill make it the uttermoſt of their indeavour to pitch upon our happy being, and to make us an happy Nation. Did we plot a-

gainſt Rogues, and Vagabonds, againſt Tyrants, and cruell Pagans, it were more tolerable. Nay more, were it againſt furious Zoilis ſpirits, or mercileſſe, uncharitable, envious Raſcals, it might ſeduce us: *ſhall we ſo treacherouſly plot, to deſtroy ſuch Nobles, as theſe: whoſe ſweet, courteous, affable, loving diſpoſitions, would prick the heart, and wound the Conſcience of the fierceſt Turke, or Pagan, if any ſparke of humanity hath biding in him. Having thus conſidered with themſelves theſe two imparting, each their minds to one another, and thereupon adviſing what to doe.*

It beſeemed at firſt too impoſſible a work to diſcover without great prejudice, many thoughts they had, how to wind themſelves out, and little hope of finding any courſe pleaſant, or any reſolution to give them any ſatisfaction. Such were the iſſues of their former deſignes, with the Plotters in their Evill wayes, that now they were brought into a thouſand ſtraites what to doe. If they proceed, a thouſand to one, but in the end they will be found out, and dye like Traytors; or if they leave off, now they have begun, they are yet in a great ſtrait.

If *wee* leave off, and reveale nothing; then *wee* are in danger, that the ſame Conſpirators with whom *wee* wrought, will conſpire againſt us.

If we reveale part, and not entirely, we may bee trapt, and ſo without further delay dye Traytors.

If we reveale all, we are to anſwer a great matter, and our lives, Eſtates, and all wee have may be taken from us, and we liue all our dayes in ignominy and diſgrace.

Now the Lord by his all-ruling hand directed there course to take the safest way, both for themselves, and the Kingdome.

They addresse themselves to the King and Parliament, there they discover what they know, and lay open what is plotted against them, casting themselves upon their mercies, exposing themselvs rather to fall into their hands, then to goe on, and lye at Satans mercy, or dissemblingly to lye still, between hot and cold, continually under the burden of a troubled *Conscience*.

Now may we see, how gratiously still the Lord is pleased to worke for his People, and to overthrow the evill Plottings, and Conspiracies, of the Papists, and all ungodly Blood-thirsty Rebels.

The Names of those Lords that *should have been cut off* in this Plot of *Scotland*.

The Marquise *Hamilton*. The Earle of *Argile*. The Lord *Balmerido*. The Lord *Lowdon*. Generall *Lesly*. The Lord *Lindsey* the Marquisses Brother, & some others.

The Conspirators Names.

The Earle of *Craford*. The Lord *Aymond* Lieutenant Generall. The Lord *Carre*. The Lord *Craford* committed as a Prisoner.

A
coppie of a
LETTER
brought to
LONDON.

T, C, Y.
W. A. Ne.

MAster *Lee* with much griefe and sorrow hath this discoverie come to us, we feare some false brethren among you at *London*, or in *Westminster*, therefore be carefull, and sweare all as wee ordered you, and bee sure you set the right, *I H S* and the true word before you therefore take the oath, and seeing the former will not take that happie successe and effect much wished by all true-hearted Catholikes, yet wee entreate you to put in practice your worke, and according to Sir *S, H*, his order, and divide your companies to those parts of the City as you had the last direction, let the Tower be the chiefe aime, draw the proole from the Tower by the first and second commotion, and wee will warrant Master *B. C.* will third you, for he of all, least of all will be suspected. At 9. in the morning is the time, fall on, if we die, ye die together, but having begun, hold on till death which will at the least will bee Honourable martyrdome. Now the better to proceed, make no noise, lest the proud

City

City Captains prevent your designes, for now or neve
if now then ever. Therefore publish it to the true men
bers, the sign-perfit to all the Actors, you see we are pr
vented, now let no feare make you faile in this so good
worke, you all know our lives lye at the stake, therefo
now fight for life and Relgion.

Money for pay, you shall have in full, as wee agree
now remember what is to be done, make readie the 30
at M.gate, and all with Pistolls and Swords, and for t
C. W. dit. with m. rn. suddenly, as we appointed, a
see you faile not as you love your lives.

In the meane time Pray,
And so I rest.

Your servant
T. W. S, M. N.
Amicus certus in certi cernitur.

The Postscript of the letter which was sent to Londo
being in the first Impression left out.

VVE must be revenged on this base City, wee no
must not desist, be valiant for some (that is no
the least) in this Kingdome is verily for us, I have coun
ternamed my hand least it should miscarie, therefore be
carefull, and when you have read it, and shewed the fiv
Captains, take it and burn it, for least all our events be
wished

To my loving Cozen Mr. *George*, giue this with
speed.

*COzen, I pray you be carefull to deliver this Note inc
sed, to the same party that you received the last Let
from, for we are agreed since. Giue it into his owne hands, a
returne it: it is of great importance, and the 30. l. you sh
receive this moneth which Mr. G. K. appointed me to pay u
you, make what haste you can, and set the Watch, S. R. M.*

FINIS.

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